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Dear Parent or Caregiver,

I am writing to introduce myself as the City Connects Site Coordinator at the Elihu Greenwood Leadership Academy. I will be working with administrators, teachers, and other support staff to connect students and families to resources in the community that promote healthy development and student achievement.

My primary role at the Elihu Greenwood Leadership Academy is to coordinate a student support system that ensures that each and every student receives the supports, services, and resources s/he needs to be academically successful and healthy. To do this, we assess the strengths and needs of each child in the school and connect him/her to a tailored set of support services.

At the beginning of the year, I will meet with each classroom teacher to review his/her students and discuss individual student strengths and areas of need. As a result of this meeting, various supports and services may be recommended for your child. Your child's teacher or I may be in touch with you during the year to explain any recommended services. Examples of services might include an after-school program, a weekend dance class, a reading tutor, or an adult mentor.

Another aspect of Elihu Greenwood Leadership Academy's student support process involves convening a larger Student Support Team that may include the school administrator, school nurse, teachers, school psychologist, after-school provider, and /or other support personnel. The purpose of this team is to discuss some students in greater depth and develop a detailed student support plan that will be monitored over the course of the year. If your child is referred to the Student Support Team, I will be in touch with you directly to discuss the plan and action steps moving forward.

Please note that the resources of the student support process are available to you as the parent/caregiver. If you would like to get more information about services for your child, or have any questions about how I might be able to provide you with assistance, please contact me directly. I have included a brochure that explains some of the additional ways I am available to support your child in school.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family over the course of the year. My office is located in Room 211 of the Elihu Greenwood, and I can always be reached via email at Claire.derosa@bc.edu, and over the phone at (617)635-8665. Please feel free to contact me at any point in the year.

Best,

Claire DeRosa
Student Support Coordinator, City Connects

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Supports & Services at the Elihu Greenwood School

The City Connects School Site Coordinator works closely with school personnel and community-based agencies to learn about a wide range of programs and services that can benefit elementary-aged students. The School Site Coordinator can help you find after-school, summer, and weekend programs for your child to participate in. They also work with school staff to develop creative ways to provide in-school support to your child.

Some examples of the types of supports and services that the School Site Coordinator can help connect your child to include the following:

- Out-of-school time programming
- Academic support
- Enrichment opportunities
- Summer programming
- Counseling
- Mentoring programs
- Social skills groups
- Health care services
- Ideas around ways to support positive behavior at home

How Can I Get My Child Connected?

City Connects staff is always happy to meet with families and share resources that can help support your child and your family.

In addition to regular contact with your child's classroom teacher, please contact the School Site Coordinator to learn more about how we can work together to ensure that your child is receiving what s/he needs to excel in school.

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City Connects School Site Coordinator

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WELCOME TO CITY CONNECTS!



*Everything You Need
to Know about
Student Support at
the Elihu Greenwood
Leadership Academy*

Note: This brochure is full of important information about Student Support services at the Elihu Greenwood School. Please put it somewhere safe and easily accessible (like the front of your refrigerator). ☺

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

To support learning at the Elihu Greenwood Leadership Academy, we have developed a comprehensive student support system to ensure that each and every student receives the supports, services, and resources s/he needs to be academically successful and healthy.

The purpose of student support is to ensure that each student has the supports s/he needs to successfully engage in classroom instruction. To do this we assess the strengths and needs of each child in the school and connect him/her to a tailored set of support services.

This brochure was created to help you learn more about the different types of supports and resources the City Connects School Site Coordinator can offer to you and your child while they are enrolled at the Elihu Greenwood School.

The supports and resources of the student support process are available to you as the parent/caregiver. If you would like to initiate services for your child or have any questions, please contact Miss DeRosa.

What is City Connects?

City Connects was established in 2001 as a partnership between Boston College, the Boston Public Schools, and local community agencies.

The mission of City Connects is to have children engage and learn in school by connecting EACH child with a tailored set of prevention, intervention, and enrichment services s/he needs to thrive. These supports are created to meet the needs of the whole child.

Our school's student support program is facilitated by City Connects. The **School Site Coordinator** is available to match your child with tailored supports and services to promote healthy development and academic success.

City Connects:

- Matches each child with suitable opportunities for positive development of the whole child
- Identifies tailored supports and services for each child
- Works with teachers and caregivers to develop early interventions
- Builds relationships with community-based agencies that provide youth and family services

City Connects goals are to:

- Significantly **increase overall student achievement**
- **Reduce barriers to learning** by developing student and family support services and school-wide prevention programs
- **Expand academic and cultural enrichment opportunities** through positive youth development programs